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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR TRANSISTHMIAN
PIPELINE

REF: PANAMA 3595

1. MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION USDOC CONTACTED TODAY BY MICHAEL BAKER ENGINEERING COMPANY, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI RE SUBJECT PROJECT. MICHAEL BAKER HAS BEEN IN CONTACT DIRECTLY WITH MINISTER FERNANDO MANFREDO AND HAS RECEIVED TERMS OF REFERENCE FROM PANAMA (MICHAEL BAKER LEARNED OF PROJECT LATE THROUGH WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE AND WAS NOT AWARE OF COMMERCE'S MAJOR PROJECTS GROUP. MICHAEL BAKER IS HIGHLY COMPETENT FIRM LISTED NUMBER FOURTEEN IN CURRENT ENGINEERING NEWS RECORD LISTING OF TOP 446 DESIGN ENGINEERING FIRMS AND CURRENTLY WORKING ON ALASKAN PIPELINE.

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2. MICHAEL BAKER UNABLE COME UP WITH PROPOSAL BY DEADLINE OF

JULY 15. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT MINISTER FERNANDO MANFREDO
POINTING OUT THE ABOVE FACTS AND REQUEST EXTENSION OF DEADLINE
UNTIL JULY 31. FYI. MAJOR PROJECTS AWARE DEADLINE HAS ALREADY
BEEN EXTENDED BUT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE MANY OF U.S. LARGEST AND
BEST QUALIFIED FIRMS ON PARTIAL LIST PROVIDED IN REFTEL PARA 2.
THEREFORE WE BELIEVE IT WORTH A TRY TO GIVE MICHAEL BAKER TIME.
END FYI.
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